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On March 18, Dimitris Platis, Director of the Office of Deputy Foreign Minister Stylianidis (in charge of foreign economic assistance), informed us that from 2000-2004, the GoG has allocated 476,000 USD to Greek NGOs and Andean Community NGOs for humanitarian assistance as well as programs in education, social services, and counternarcotics. Of this total, 426,000 USD were disbursed to Peru for counternarcotics programs. 50,000 USD were allotted to Columbia and Venezuela for social welfare programs, the strengthening of civil society and emergency response training in coping with natural disasters, such as earthquakes.

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